

Essay Questions for Doctoral Program Applicants

Applied Behavior Analysis Program

1. In 500 words (two-typed pages), describe the areas of applied behavior analysis that most interest you – including your professional goals –and how those interests developed. How will completion of the doctoral program in Applied Behavior Analysis facilitate achieving your professional goals?
2. As a behavior analyst, you are likely to work and study with people from many different backgrounds. Please describe in 500 words (two-typed pages) some of the challenges you see studying and working with people different from yourself, and what you would contribute in your interactions.

Applied Clinical Psychology Program

In your role as a psychology student, you will likely assist individuals from diverse backgrounds in a variety of contexts. Please tell us in 750 words (three-typed pages) why you want to earn a Psy.D. in Applied Clinical Psychology. Include your career aspirations and describe some of the challenges you might encounter when working with diverse individuals.

Business Psychology Program

1. In what areas (e.g., selection and placement, organizational development, performance management) will you, as a business psychologist, affect or contribute to the business world? How will your contributions differ from those with an M.B.A. or other business training?
2. In your role as a business psychology student, you are likely to work and study with people from many backgrounds. In 500 words (two-typed pages), describe the challenges you anticipate facing in studying with people different from yourself, and what you would contribute in your interactions with them.

Clinical Forensic Psychology Program

The field of Forensic Psychology focuses on psychology as it relates to the emergence of psychology, the law, and the legal system. In forensic settings, you will likely assist individuals from diverse backgrounds in a variety of different contexts. Please tell us in 750 words (three-typed pages) reasons why you want to become a Forensic Psychologist. Describe your career aspirations, and discuss some of the challenges you might encounter when working with diverse individuals.

Clinical Psychology Program

Please answer the following two questions in two separate documents (approximately 500 words each)

1. Many people choose Clinical Psychology as a career because they are interested in helping other people. Beyond wanting to help others, please describe your reasons for pursuing a career as a clinical psychologist. Specifically, indicate why you would like training at the doctoral level rather than at the master's level.
2. In your role as a clinical psychology student, you are likely to work and study with people from many backgrounds. Tell us what will be some of the challenges for you studying with people different from yourself, and what you would contribute in your interactions with them.

Counselor Education & Supervision Programs

In 500 words (two-typed pages), describe your professional goals as they relate to the program as well as a self-assessment of the challenges and resources needed for successful completion.

International Psychology Program

Describe your interest in a Ph.D. program with a primary focus in International Psychology. Incorporate in your response how you believe completing this program will enhance your professional career, and how you might use your training to work in diverse settings with people of many backgrounds.

Marital and Family Therapy Program

The field of Marital and Family Therapy (MFT) focuses on psychology as it relates to an individual's relationships and the influences on them. In MFT settings, you will likely assist individuals from diverse backgrounds in a variety of different contexts. Please tell us in 750 words (three-typed pages) reasons why you want to receive your Psy.D. in Marital and Family Therapy. Include what your career aspirations are and some of the challenges you might encounter when working with diverse individuals.

Organizational Leadership Program

Describe how leaders have personally inspired you in your professional and personal life.

School Psychology Program

1. Essay one: Please answer the following question in a 3-page, double-spaced typed essay of approximately 500-750 words. Essay must specifically address the program/specialization for which you are applying. Psychology is a vast discipline with many career options. In an essay format, please describe:
 - a. Why you chose this particular program/specialization making sure to cite specific experiences and examples.
 - b. Why it is important to you to study this discipline at a school that emphasizes cultural awareness, competence, and understanding of diversity.
 - c. Your professional career goals as they relate to this specialization.
 - d. Why you believe this program will assist you in reaching these goals.

2. Essay two: Please answer the following question (approximately 250 words): Most school psychologists practice with the Ed.S. degree. Please indicate why you would like to pursue training at the doctoral level rather than at the Educational Specialist level. Feel free to include any areas of research that you would be interested in pursuing.

Essay Questions for Educational Psychology & Technology Program Applicants

Educational Psychology & Technology Program

Please answer the following (approximately two pages, double-spaced in length).

1. Provide a brief description of your professional goals. How will the knowledge, skills, and expertise that you gain from this program help you achieve these goals?
2. Ed.D. programs are often structured to prepare students to advocate for positive change in their professional settings. How might this program assist you in making informed changes in your future professional settings?

Essay Questions for Master in Public Health Applicants

Please answer the following within two-typed pages.

1. How will your personal and professional accomplishments, academic background, and experience contribute to your success in this program?
2. How will the successful completion of this program support your career goals?

Essay Questions for Master of Health Services Administration

Please answer the following within two-typed pages.

1. Discuss one of the following competencies required to be a successful health services administrator. Include examples of personal experiences as well as supportive evidence.
 - a. Communication and Relationship
 - b. Business Skills and Knowledge
 - c. Leadership
 - d. Professionalism
 - e. Understanding the Healthcare Environment

Essay Questions for MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling Applicants

The mission of the program is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, practices, and values of the counseling profession: empowerment, resilience, optimal development, multicultural competence, and holism in order to promote the well-being of individuals, families, and the diverse systems that support them.

1. How would you contribute to the fulfillment of the program's mission given your personal and professional characteristics and accomplishments, your academic background, and your experience?
2. Upon successful completion of the program, how do you see yourself contributing to the profession as a clinical mental health counselor?

Essay Questions for Ed.S., M.A., M.S., and Certificate Program Applicants

Please answer the following within three double-spaced, typed pages (approximately 500 to 750 words).

Psychology is a vast discipline with many career options. In essay format, please describe why you chose this particular program/specialization*. Cite specific experiences and examples to illustrate:

- Why it is important to you to study this discipline at a school that emphasizes cultural awareness, competence, and understanding of diversity?
- Your professional career goals as they relate to this specialization.
- Why you believe this program will assist you in reaching your goals.

* Your essay must specifically address the program's specialization to which you are applying:

Applied Behavior Analysis Psychology
Child & Adolescent Psychology
Forensic Psychology
Industrial & Organizational Psychology
Marital & Family Therapy
Instructional Design

Behavioral Economics
Counseling Psychology
Organizational Leadership
International Psychology
School Psychology

Essay Questions for Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis Applicants

Please write a two-page essay stating why you are interested in becoming Board Certified in Applied Behavior Analysis and your experience in Applied Behavior Analysis.

Essay Questions for Dual Enrollment M.A. Counseling Psychology/M.S. ABA

Why are you interested in pursuing both degrees? In your response (approximately 500 words) please describe your current interests and future goals.

Essay Questions for Bachelor's Degree in Psychology

Please compose a written essay to answer the questions below. Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, and three pages (approximately 500-750 words) while clearly addressing the program for which you are applying.

- Psychology is a vast discipline with many career options:
 - Why are you interested in this particular program to earn your undergraduate degree in psychology? Cite specific experiences and examples.
 - What are your professional career goals as they relate to this degree? Why do you believe this program will assist you in reaching these goals?
 - Why is it important to you to study this discipline at a school that emphasizes cultural awareness, competence, and understanding of diversity (see our Commitment to Diversity Statement)?
 - If you are a first generation undergraduate degree student, please integrate this into your essay.

Essay Questions for Bachelor's Degree in Business Psychology

Please identify your degree program of interest and share your career goals as they relate to entering and completing your chosen program.

Please briefly explain the reasons for your past academic performance (below a 2.3 GPA). How will you improve and address these reasons if you are admitted to The Chicago School?

What strengths will help you successfully complete your program at The Chicago School?

Identify at least 2 weaknesses or areas of adversity and how you will work to improve them. Make sure to address how you will overcome any obstacles.

Please share additional information relevant to this application. Please discuss any relevant professional experience that aligns with your chosen degree, if applicable.

Essay Questions for Bachelor's Degree in Criminology

Please identify your degree program of interest and share your career goals as they relate to entering and completing your chosen program.

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